

SECOND READING: ROMANS 6:3-4. 8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: 1 PETER 2:9

Alleluia, alleluia!
You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.

Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 10:37-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his

reward.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON:
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Zech 9: 9-10;

Rom 8: 9, 11-13;

Mt 11: 25-30.

Safeguarding our community: If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney please call the appropriate authorities OR The Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office on 02 9390 5812 OR **speak with our Parish Safeguarding Support Officer Helen Vaz OR Parish Priest, both of whom will be able to provide support and guidance.**

Mobile phones at Mass.

To maintain a spirit of reverence and solemnity, please turn off and refrain from using all mobile telephones and other electronic devices during Mass.

THE Catholic Weekly

- *The Chosen* disciple: George Xanthis on his role as St John
- Wheeling with Christ: Teresa Trujillo's faith hits Sydney's streets
- Calvary Hospital 'steps away' from ACT palliative care hospice
 - Cemeteries stand-off resolved
- Synod on Synodality working document released
- Monica Doumit: Winter is coming, thanks Alex Greenwich

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MASS TIMES:

SATURDAY VIGIL:	6:00 pm.
SUNDAY:	8:00 am and 10.00 am.
MONDAY:	9.30am Communion Service.
TUESDAY through to SATURDAY:	9.00 am Mass.
FRIDAY:	9.00 am Mass. Exposition & Benediction every Friday after Mass.
RECONCILIATION:	Saturday 5pm – 5.45pm or by appointment.
Baptism:	Every Sunday at 11.30am. Please contact Parish Office.
Marriage:	By appointment.
Anointing of the sick:	Please give names to Father Roberto Castillo.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
1st / 2nd July 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:
All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!



FIRST READING: 2 KINGS 4:8-11. 14-16

A reading from the second book of the Kings
That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and

her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 88:2-3. 16-19

RESPONSE: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

Response.

Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss.

Response.

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength; it is by your favour that our might is exalted: for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel.

Response.

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1 / 2 JULY 2023 – THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
ACOLYTE	T DABBAH	D ELLIS	M MORELLI
READER	V PERERA	E WHEELER	R DEARING / FAMILY MASS VOLUNTEERS
OFFERTORY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY		ZHANG FAMILY
PROJECTION	AMJAD SHEEKA		
ALTAR SERVERS	GRP 1: JAMES D'MELLO & AIDEN SHEEKA		GRP 5: JAMES DEARING & ADAM CALLAGHAN
WELCOMERS	S CHAMISA		ZHANG FAMILY
COUNTERS	GROUP 2: T DABBAH C DABBAH		
ALTAR FLOWERS	KAYSHINEE PERERA / TINA CHAMISA	JULY ALTAR LINEN: JOSEFINA DELAVEGA	

8 / 9 JULY 2023 – FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
ACOLYTE	R MORFUNI	A STANTON	J KWONG
READER	B CLARK	P TREACY	C LAYOUN
OFFERTORY	DABBAH FAMILY		VOLUNTEER FAMILY NEEDED
PROJECTION	TONI MORFUNI		
ALTAR SERVERS	GRP 2: ZAC O'DONOGHUE, CHRISTIAN HILL & EL-AZZI FAMILY		GRP 6: SIENNA BUIST, OLIVIA JOMA, ANNA MIRABILE, GENEVIEVE MCPHIE
WELCOMERS	A CHAN & P ONG		VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
COUNTERS	GROUP 3: D JAYAMANNE E CONTERNO		
ALTAR FLOWERS	N HAHN	JULY ALTAR LINEN: JOSEFINA DELAVEGA	

PARISH NEWS & NOTICES

Request for Mass and Prayers.

We pray for those who have recently died especially Leena Dias (*Fr Norvin's mother*). Also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries and those we wish to remember especially Roska Rimac.

Please pray for those who are sick especially Julian Santa Maria and Michael Hahn.



Farewell for Fr Roberto.

Fr Roberto has been here at St Therese for more than 13 years. Over that time, he has celebrated many Easters and Christmases with us, offered all the sacraments to the parish and school communities and spiritually supported us through the pandemic. It will be sad to be saying goodbye so don't miss your opportunity to do so by contributing to his gift and attending his farewell lunch.



FR ROBERTO'S LAST WEEKEND OF PARISH MASSES WILL BE ON THE 15TH / 16TH JULY.

FAREWELL GIFT: This weekend we will begin collecting for Fr Roberto's gift. Please add your money to the basket near the back door or in front of the altar.

FAREWELL LUNCH at 12.30pm on Sunday the 16th July in the St Therese School grounds. We will host a community lunch for everyone, and we would love you all to bring a plate of food to share with the community. A clipboard is in the front foyer, so take the time to let us know what food you will be bringing. We will be buying a large farewell cake that will be used for dessert, so we do have a preference for people to bring savoury foods to share.

Family Mass and Cuppa THIS weekend.

St Therese School families from Kindy will be supporting the rostered volunteers with some of the Mass ministries at the 10am Mass.



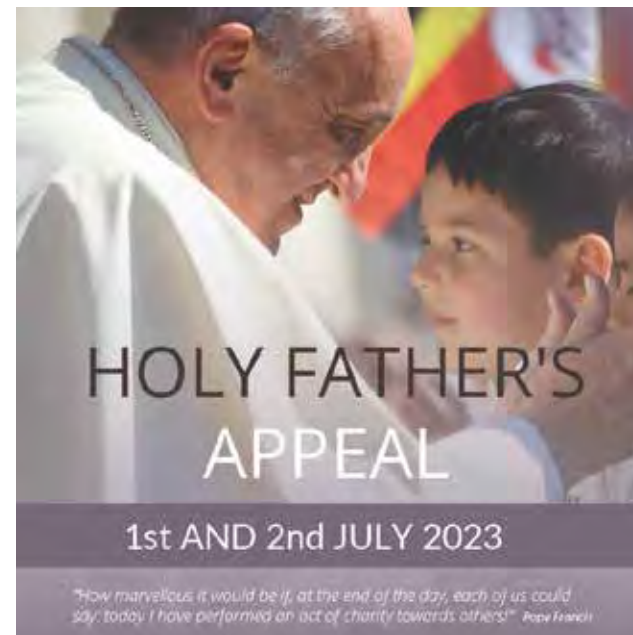
Following this Mass, we will host our usual "CUPPA".

Everyone is very welcome to stay back for a coffee with parish friends.



Holy Fathers Appeal THIS Weekend.

Our parish, in union with all parishes around the world, will hold the annual **Holy Father's Appeal**. This annual appeal, also known as Peter's Pence, is a gesture of solidarity with the universal Church. Your gift will assist communities impacted by conflict, earthquakes, famine and other disasters. Your generosity will help Pope Francis bring hope, faith, and the spirit of Christ to our less fortunate brothers and sisters around the world.



Like to help the Parish with a Monthly Donation?

Would you like to help support the parish with a monthly donation?

If so, please contact the Parish Office to arrange for a credit card authority form to be emailed to you OR we can organise a set of Planned Giving envelopes.



Prayer and Reflection Group.

Come and join our Tuesday evening "Prayer and Reflection Group" held in the school hall at 7.30pm. The group alternates each week between Liturgy of the Word and Lectio Divina. Everyone is welcome to attend any week you are free with no obligation to come each and every week.



Parish Council Meeting.

Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday 6th July** at 7pm in the presbytery. If you have any parish suggestions or concerns please speak with Father Roberto or any council member.



Mass Monday 3rd July at 9am.

Fr Roberto will celebrate Mass this Monday as a celebration for his 24th anniversary being a priest. We congratulate him on this wonderful milestone as he continues on his priestly journey helping us all to receive the Sacraments of our faith.



Feast Day of St Thomas – 3rd July.

St Thomas is the patron saint of the blind (due to occasional spiritual blindness); Craftsmen (e.g., architects, carpenters & masons); Geometricians; and Theologians

Thomas is often condemned for his lack of belief, but Thomas was equally courageous, willing to stand by Jesus in dangerous times. He also relentlessly sought the Truth. Like an inquisitive child, he constantly asked questions. And, his wonderful profession, "My Lord and my God," is the clearest declaration of Jesus' divinity in Holy Scripture.



Lastly, and more famously, St. Thomas is remembered for being absent from the Upper Room the first time Jesus appeared to the disciples after His Resurrection. Thomas dismissed the accounts of the others by saying, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in His hands and put my finger into the nail marks, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe" (Luke 20:25). Eight days later Thomas made his act of faith. He fell at the feet of Jesus and said, "My Lord and my God!" and Jesus replied, "Because you have seen me, Thomas, you believed. Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet believe" (John 20:25-29). This incident gave rise to the expression "doubting Thomas."